

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Committee Minutes
July 8, 2009

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Committee was called to order on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, by Recreation Director Gary Masenior at 7:30 p.m. Also in attendance were committee members Candy DeFillippis, Rick Feldman, Erica Kilkinney, and Council liaison Patrick Boyle. Paula Aron arrived at 7:35. Beth Uporsky and Adam Zimmer were absent.

Communications

There were no communications at this meeting.

Review of Past Minutes

A motion was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Erica Kilkinney, to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2009 regular meeting with a change as noted. Motion carried.

Audience Participation

There was no audience participation at this meeting.

Recreation Director Report

Finances

Gary stated that \$22,646 has been expended in salaries to date. \$16,079 has been expended and \$15,656 has been encumbered for operating expenses. Rick asked the amount budgeted for men's basketball and the line items for pool expenses so the committee can see where we are at. Rick told Councilman Boyle he is not happy with the financial reporting and feels Gary should have activity information so he is able to manage the expenses more effectively. Councilman Boyle stated the Borough Manager and CFO are working on the financial reports. Rick asked where the recreation revenue was in the January – April Treasurer's/CFO Report. Councilman Boyle will look into this. Gary reported the daily pool receipts through June 30th were \$12,018. Rick requested a copy of the financial reports. Candy also feels Gary should have more financial information to be able to perform his duties. The committee discussed the budget.

Park Related

Gary stated a soccer kick-off will be held this Saturday at Borough Park. The Arts & Crafts program is going very well and thanked Erica for doing an excellent job.

Secretary Report

Ann gave the total number of participants in karate, field hockey, soccer, swim team, swim lessons, elite basketball and pool memberships. The session 3 swim lesson schedule is being put together and letters will be mailed out by the end of the week.

Program Liaison Reports

Paula reported Soccer is looking for volunteer coaches, assistant coaches and help with fundraising.

Gary reported the Swim Team won their first meet last night.

New Business

Vara Field Dedication

Gary asked for thoughts regarding the re-dedication of Vara Field. Rick stated he spoke to a few people who had been involved with the initial dedication and most feel it is not a good idea. Paula likes the re-dedication idea and Gary suggested possibly inviting the family to the first game we play there. Gary noted the Vara Field fence is in need of repair.

Unfinished Business

Gail Payne Account

Rick will get a contact number where the Payne family can be reached.

Winning Mood Soccer Camp

Gary stated he called regarding their usage of the field and is waiting for a response.

4th of July Parade – June 27th

Gary stated the speaker system was used for the soap box derby. He helped clear the road for the drivers. The float was not in the parade this year like we anticipated, but we will work on getting it in the parade next year.

4th of July Events

Gary thanked those who showed up to help at the park. Approximately 180 people attended. There was no baseball game as the nets were not up. There was a variety of activities including swimming, tetherball, croquet, badminton, volleyball, horseshoes, basketball and the evening ended with a movie. Gary stated it was a nice event and he is looking into doing something similar for Labor Day. Rick asked Gary if he is keeping track of the daily pool patrons and what the take was on July 4th. Gary replied he is keeping track and \$107.00 was taken in at the concession stand and \$162.50 was collected at the front gate.

Railroad Avenue

Gary has nothing new to report. Rick asked if the Borough Manager sent a letter to Green Acres regarding the money. Gary replied he is not aware if this has been done.

5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Gary has nothing new to report.

Frequently Asked Questions

Paula will send Ann soccer and men's basketball questions for posting on the website. Other committee members will continue to work on the questions for their sports.

Street Hockey Practice at Vo-Tech

Gary stated he has still not received a written request in regards to this.

Field Usage Request Form

This has been tabled until a future meeting.

Vending Machines

Gary stated the company has been sending people to repair the machines but we always have the same problem once they leave. Gary and Mayor McDonald will make arrangements to call the vending machine company together. Rick asked how much the vending machines have been making and is there a record of what they're taking? Candy asked Councilman Boyle to find out how much was brought in during June. Gary stated the concession stand has been doing well in conjunction with the vending machines. He has added healthier

choices to the concession stand and is receiving a good response. Candy questioned the water on the floor in the vending machine area. Gary replied there is a slight leak in the water heater and it should be repaired by this weekend.

Committee Comments

Rick questioned the Borough Manager attending one of our meetings. Councilman Boyle stated he spoke to the Manager in regards to this and was told he has been speaking with Gary. The way it is structured is that the Recreation Director will speak to the Borough Manager on behalf of the committee. The Mayor has agreed with this process. The Manager will then come to a meeting if he is still needed. Gary stated he would like to begin seeing requests put into written format. Rick would still like the Borough Manager to come to a meeting to discuss the financial situation. The committee is supposed to advise, but has no financial information to do so. Councilman Boyle noted the Borough has been working to smooth out the financial situations, and asked for patience as it is a slow process. If the committee is not satisfied by September, he will request the Borough Manager attend a meeting. Candy questioned if there is no budget and no one is sure how much money each program has, how is it known how much the coaches can spend? Gary stated he is working off of a lump sum for the department.

Recreation Director Comments

Gary had no further comments.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 p.m. by Rick Feldman, seconded by Candy DeFillippis.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kilduff